



## Selection Principles in Function Spaces with the Compact-Open Topology

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**Abstract.** For a Tychonoff space  $X$ , we denote by  $C_k(X)$  the space of all real-valued continuous functions on  $X$  with the compact-open topology. A subset  $A \subset X$  is said to be sequentially dense in  $X$  if every point of  $X$  is the limit of a convergent sequence in  $A$ . In this paper, the following properties for  $C_k(X)$  are considered.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}) & \Leftarrow & S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}) \\ & \Uparrow & \Uparrow & & \Uparrow & & \Uparrow \\ S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}) & \Leftarrow & S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}) \end{array}$$

For example, a space  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D})$  (resp.,  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D})$ ) if whenever  $(S_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is a sequence of sequentially dense subsets of  $C_k(X)$ , one can take points  $f_n \in S_n$  (resp., finite  $F_n \subset S_n$ ) such that  $\{f_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  (resp.,  $\bigcup \{F_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ) is dense in  $C_k(X)$ . Other properties are defined similarly.

In [22], we obtained characterizations these selection properties for  $C_p(X)$ . In this paper, we give characterizations for  $C_k(X)$ .

### 1. Introduction

For a Tychonoff space  $X$ , we denote by  $C_k(X)$  the space of all real-valued continuous functions on  $X$  with the compact-open topology. Subbase open sets of  $C_k(X)$  are of the form  $[A, U] = \{f \in C(X) : f(A) \subset U\}$ , where  $A$  is a compact subset of  $X$  and  $U$  is a non-empty open subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Since the compact-open topology coincides with the topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets of  $X$ , we can represent a basic neighborhood of the point  $f \in C(X)$  as  $\langle f, A, \epsilon \rangle$  where  $\langle f, A, \epsilon \rangle := \{g \in C(X) : |f(x) - g(x)| < \epsilon \forall x \in A\}$ ,  $A$  is a compact subset of  $X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Many topological properties are defined or characterized in terms of the following classical selection principles. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  be sets consisting of families of subsets of an infinite set  $X$ . Then:

$S_1(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is the selection hypothesis: for each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  there is a sequence  $\{b_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that for each  $n$ ,  $b_n \in A_n$ , and  $\{b_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an element of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

$S_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is the selection hypothesis: for each sequence  $(A_n : n \in \mathbb{N})$  of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  there is a sequence  $\{B_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of finite sets such that for each  $n$ ,  $B_n \subseteq A_n$ , and  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} B_n \in \mathcal{B}$ .

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$U_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  is the selection hypothesis: whenever  $\mathcal{U}_1, \mathcal{U}_2, \dots \in \mathcal{A}$  and none contains a finite subcover, there are finite sets  $\mathcal{F}_n \subseteq \mathcal{U}_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\{\bigcup \mathcal{F}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \mathcal{B}$ .

The following prototype of many classical properties is called " $\mathcal{A}$  choose  $\mathcal{B}$ " in [29].

$(\mathcal{A})_{\mathcal{B}}$ : For each  $\mathcal{U} \in \mathcal{A}$  there exists  $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  such that  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Then  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$  implies  $(\mathcal{A})_{\mathcal{B}}$ .

In this paper, by a cover we mean a nontrivial one, that is,  $\mathcal{U}$  is a cover of  $X$  if  $X = \bigcup \mathcal{U}$  and  $X \notin \mathcal{U}$ .

A cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of a space  $X$  is called:

- an  $\omega$ -cover (a  $k$ -cover) if each finite (compact) subset  $C$  of  $X$  is contained in an element of  $\mathcal{U}$ ;
- a  $\gamma$ -cover (a  $\gamma_k$ -cover) if  $\mathcal{U}$  is infinite and for each finite (compact) subset  $C$  of  $X$  the set  $\{U \in \mathcal{U} : C \not\subseteq U\}$  is finite.

Note that a  $\gamma_k$ -cover is a  $k$ -cover, and a  $k$ -cover is infinite. A compact space has no  $k$ -covers.

A space  $X$  is said to be a  $\gamma_k$ -set if each open  $k$ -cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  contains a countable set  $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  which is a  $\gamma_k$ -cover of  $X$  [9].

In a series of papers it was demonstrated that  $\gamma$ -covers and  $k$ -covers play a key role in function spaces [8–10, 13, 16, 22–26, 28] and many others. We continue to investigate applications of  $k$ -covers in function spaces with the compact-open topology.

## 2. Main Definitions and Notation

If  $X$  is a topological space and  $A \subseteq X$ , then the sequential closure of  $A$ , denoted by  $[A]_{seq}$ , is the set of all limits of sequences from  $A$ . A set  $D \subseteq X$  is said to be sequentially dense if  $X = [D]_{seq}$ . A space  $X$  is called sequentially separable if it has a countable sequentially dense set. Call  $X$  strongly sequentially separable, if  $X$  is separable and every countable dense subset of  $X$  is sequentially dense. Clearly, every strongly sequentially separable space is sequentially separable, and every sequentially separable space is separable.

For a topological space  $X$  we denote:

- $\mathcal{O}$  — the family of open covers of  $X$ ;
- $\Gamma$  — the family of open  $\gamma$ -covers of  $X$ ;
- $\Gamma_k$  — the family of open  $\gamma_k$ -covers of  $X$ ;
- $\Omega$  — the family of open  $\omega$ -covers of  $X$ ;
- $\mathcal{K}$  — the family of open  $k$ -covers of  $X$ ;
- $\mathcal{K}_{cz}^\omega$  — the family of countable co-zero  $k$ -covers of  $X$ ;
- $\mathcal{D}$  — the family of dense subsets of  $C_k(X)$ ;
- $\mathcal{D}^\omega$  — the family of countable dense subsets of  $C_k(X)$ ;
- $\mathcal{S}$  — the family of sequentially dense subsets of  $C_k(X)$ ;
- $\mathbb{K}(X)$  — the family of all non-empty compact subsets of  $X$ .
- A space  $X$  is  $R$ -separable, if  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$  (Def. 47, [2]).
- A space  $X$  is  $M$ -separable (selective separability), if  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$ .
- A space  $X$  is selectively sequentially separable, if  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S})$  (Def. 1.2, [3]).

For a topological space  $X$  we have the next relations of selectors for sequences of dense sets of  $X$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}) & \Leftarrow & S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}) \\ & \Uparrow & & \Uparrow & & \Uparrow & \Uparrow \\ S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}) & \Leftarrow & S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}) \end{array}$$

Let  $X$  be a topological space, and  $x \in X$ . A subset  $A$  of  $X$  converges to  $x$ ,  $x = \lim A$ , if  $A$  is infinite,  $x \notin A$ , and for each neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ ,  $A \setminus U$  is finite. Consider the following collection:

- $\Omega_x = \{A \subseteq X : x \in \overline{A} \setminus A\}$ ;
- $\Gamma_x = \{A \subseteq X : x = \lim A\}$ .

Note that if  $A \in \Gamma_x$ , then there exists  $\{a_n\} \subset A$  converging to  $x$ . So, simply  $\Gamma_x$  may be the set of non-trivial convergent sequences to  $x$ .

We write  $\Pi(\mathcal{A}_x, \mathcal{B}_x)$  without specifying  $x$ , we mean  $(\forall x)\Pi(\mathcal{A}_x, \mathcal{B}_x)$ .

So, we have three types of topological properties described through the selection principles:

- local properties of the form  $S_*(\Phi_x, \Psi_x)$ ;
- global properties of the form  $S_*(\Phi, \Psi)$ ;
- semi-local properties of the form  $S_*(\Phi, \Psi_x)$ .

Our main goal is to describe the topological properties for sequences of dense sets of  $C_k(X)$  in terms of selection principles of  $X$ .

### 3. $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})$

Recall that  $X$  a  $\gamma'_k$ -set if it satisfies the selection hypothesis  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k)$  [9].

**Theorem 3.1.** ([11]) *For a Tychonoff space  $X$  the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Omega_0, \Gamma_0)$  (i.e.,  $C_k(X)$  is strongly Fréchet-Urysohn);
2.  $X$  is a  $\gamma'_k$ -set.

Recall that the  $i$ -weight  $iw(X)$  of a space  $X$  is the smallest infinite cardinal number  $\tau$  such that  $X$  can be mapped by a one-to-one continuous mapping onto a Tychonoff space of the weight not greater than  $\tau$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** (Noble [19]) *A space  $C_k(X)$  is separable if and only if  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$ .*

**Theorem 3.3.** *For a Tychonoff space  $X$  with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$  the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})$ ;
2. Every dense subset of  $C_k(X)$  is sequentially dense;
3.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k)$  ( $X$  is a  $\gamma'_k$ -set);
4.  $X$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -set;
5.  $C_k(X)$  is Fréchet-Urysohn;
6.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})$ ;
7.  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k)$ ;
8. Each finite power of  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k)$ ;
9.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Omega_0, \Gamma_0)$ ;
10.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \Gamma_0)$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (6) is immediate.

(4)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (5) By Theorem 4.7.4 in [17].

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) By Theorem 18 in [4].

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (7) By Theorem 5 in [9].

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (8) By Theorem 7 in [9].

(3)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (9) By Theorem 3.1.

(9)  $\Rightarrow$  (10) is immediate.

(6)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $D$  be a dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ . By  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})$ , for sequence  $(D_i : D_i = D \text{ and } i \in \mathbb{N})$  there is a sequence  $(K_i : i \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $K_i$  is finite,  $K_i \subset D_i$ , and  $\bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} K_i$  is a countable sequentially dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ . It follows that  $D$  is a sequentially dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be an open  $k$ -cover of  $X$ . Note that the set  $\mathcal{D} := \{f \in C(X) : f \upharpoonright (X \setminus U) \equiv 1 \text{ for some } U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  is dense in  $C_k(X)$ , hence, it is sequentially dense. Take  $f_n \in \mathcal{D}$  such that  $f_n \mapsto \mathbf{0}$ . Let  $f_n \upharpoonright (X \setminus U_n) \equiv 1$  for some  $U_n \in \mathcal{U}$ . Then  $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -subcover of  $\mathcal{U}$ , because of  $f_n \mapsto \mathbf{0}$ . Hence,  $X$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -set.

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $(D_{i,j} : i, j \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of dense subsets of  $C_k(X)$  and let  $D = \{f_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a countable dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ .

For every  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  consider  $\mathcal{U}_{i,j} = \{U_{h,i,j} : U_{h,i,j} = (f_i - h)^{-1}(-\frac{1}{j}, \frac{1}{j}) \text{ for } h \in D_{i,j}\}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{U}_{i,j}$  is an  $k$ -cover of  $X$  for every  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $X$  a  $\gamma'_k$ -set, there is a sequence  $(U_{h(i,j),i,j} : i, j \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $U_{h(i,j),i,j} \in \mathcal{U}_{i,j}$ , and  $\{U_{h(i,j),i,j} : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an element of  $\Gamma_k$ . Claim that  $\{h(i, j) : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ . Fix  $g \in C(X)$

and a base neighborhood  $W = \langle g, A, \epsilon \rangle$  of  $g$ , where  $A$  is a compact subset of  $X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . There are  $f_i \in D$  and  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\langle f_i, A, \frac{1}{j} \rangle \subseteq W$ . Since  $\{U_{h(i,j),i,j} : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an element of  $\Gamma_k$ , there is  $j' > j$  such that  $A \subset U_{h(i,j'),i,j'}$ , hence,  $h(i, j') \in \langle f_i, A, \frac{1}{j'} \rangle \subseteq \langle f_i, A, \frac{1}{j} \rangle \subseteq W$ .

Since  $C_k(X)$  is Fréchet-Urysohn, every dense subset of  $C_k(X)$  is sequentially dense. It follows that  $\{h(i, j) : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is sequentially dense.

(10)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $\{\mathcal{U}_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathcal{K}$  and let  $D = \{d_j : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a countable dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ . Consider  $D_i = \{f_{K,U,i,j} \in C(X) : \text{such that } f_{K,U,i,j} \upharpoonright K \equiv d_j, f_{K,U,i,j} \upharpoonright (X \setminus U) \equiv 1 \text{ where } K \in \mathbb{K}(X), K \subset U \in \mathcal{U}_i\}$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $D$  is a dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ , then  $D_i$  is a dense subset of  $C_k(X)$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . By (10), there is a set  $\{f_{K(i),U(i),i,j(i)} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $f_{K(i),U(i),i,j(i)} \in D_i$  and  $\{f_{K(i),U(i),i,j(i)} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \Gamma_0$ . Claim that a set  $\{U(i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \Gamma_k$ . Let  $K \in \mathbb{K}(X)$  and let  $W = [K, (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})]$  be a base neighborhood of  $0$ . Since  $\{f_{K(i),U(i),i,j(i)} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \Gamma_0$ , there is  $i' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f_{K(i),U(i),i,j(i)} \in W$  for every  $i > i'$ . It follows that  $K \subset U(i)$  for every  $i > i'$  and, hence,  $\{U(i) : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \Gamma_k$ .  $\square$

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{K}(X)$ . An open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of a space  $X$  is called:

- a  $s$ -cover if each  $C \in S$  is contained in an element of  $\mathcal{U}$ ;
- a  $\gamma_s$ -cover if  $\mathcal{U}$  is infinite and for each  $C \in S$  the set  $\{U \in \mathcal{U} : C \not\subseteq U\}$  is finite.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $S \subset \mathbb{K}(X)$ . A space  $X$  is called a  $\gamma_s$ -set if each  $s$ -cover of  $X$  contains a sequence which is a  $\gamma_s$ -cover of  $X$ .

**Definition 3.5.** A space  $X$  is called a  $\gamma_k^\omega$ -set if each countable cozero  $k$ -cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  contains a set  $\{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  which is a  $\gamma_k$ -cover of  $X$ .

For a mapping  $f : X \mapsto Y$  we will denote by  $f(k) = \{f(K) : K \in \mathbb{K}(X)\}$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** For a Tychonoff space  $X$  with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}^\omega, \mathcal{S})$ ;
2.  $C_k(X)$  is strongly sequentially separable;
3.  $X$  is a  $\gamma_k^\omega$ -set;
4.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}_{cz}^\omega, \Gamma_k)$ ;
5. for every a condensation (one-to-one continuous mapping)  $f : X \mapsto Y$  from the space  $X$  on a separable metric space  $Y$ , the space  $Y$  is a  $\gamma_{f(k)}$ -set.

*Proof.* (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) Let  $f$  be a condensation  $f : X \mapsto Y$  from the space  $X$  on a separable metric space  $Y$ . If  $\mu$  is a  $f(k)$ -cover of  $Y$ , then there is  $\mu' \subset \mu$  such that  $\mu'$  is a  $f(k)$ -cover of  $Y$  and  $|\mu'| = \aleph_0$ . The family  $f^{-1}(\mu') = \{f^{-1}(V) : V \in \mu'\}$  is a countable co-zero  $k$ -cover of  $X$ . By the argument that  $X$  is a  $\gamma_k^\omega$ -set, we have that  $Y$  is  $\gamma_{f(k)}$ -set.

The remaining implications follow from the proofs of Theorem 3.3 and Theorem 18 in [4].  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** For a separable metrizable space  $X$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})$ ;
2. Every dense subset of  $C_k(X)$  is sequentially dense;
3.  $C_k(X)$  is strongly sequentially separable;
4.  $C_k(X)$  is a Fréchet-Urysohn;
5.  $C_k(X)$  is metrizable and separable;
6.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k)$ ;
7.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ ;
8.  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ ;
9.  $X$  is a hemicompact.

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.3 and Theorem 6 in [4].  $\square$

A space  $X$  is called a  $k$ -Lindelöf space if for each open  $k$ -cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  there is a  $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  such that  $\mathcal{V}$  is countable and  $\mathcal{V} \in \mathcal{K}$ . Each  $k$ -Lindelöf space is Lindelöf, so normal, too.

**Lemma 3.8.** ([17])  $C_k(X)$  has countable tightness if and only if  $X$  is  $k$ -Lindelöf.

By Theorem 3.3, Theorem 3.6 and Lemma 3.8 we have

**Theorem 3.9.** For a Tychonoff space  $X$  with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$  the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  is Fréchet-Urysohn;
2.  $C_k(X)$  is strongly sequentially separable and has countable tightness;
3.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}^\omega, \Gamma_k)$  and is  $k$ -Lindelöf;
4. Every dense subset of  $C_k(X)$  contains a countable sequentially dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ .

In Doctoral Dissertation, A.J. March considered the following problem (Problem 117 in [15]): Is it possible to find a space  $X$  such that  $C_k(X)$  is strongly sequentially separable but  $C_k(X)^2$  is not strongly sequentially separable?

We get a negative answer to this question.

**Proposition 3.10.** Suppose  $X$  has the property  $S_1(\mathcal{K}_{cz}^\omega, \Gamma_k)$ . Then  $X \sqcup X$  has the property  $S_1(\mathcal{K}_{cz}^\omega, \Gamma_k)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a countable  $k$ -cover of  $X \sqcup X$  by cozero sets. Let  $X \sqcup X = X_1 \sqcup X_2$  where  $X_i = X$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Consider  $\mathcal{V}_1 = \{U_i^1 = U_i \cap X_1 : X_1 \setminus U_i \neq \emptyset, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\mathcal{V}_2 = \{U_i^2 = U_i \cap X_2 : X_2 \setminus U_i \neq \emptyset, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  as families of subsets of the space  $X$ . Define  $\mathcal{V} := \{U_i^1 \cap U_i^2 : U_i^1 \in \mathcal{V}_1 \text{ and } U_i^2 \in \mathcal{V}_2\}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{V}$  is a countable  $k$ -cover of  $X$  by cozero sets. By Theorem 18 in [4], there is  $\{U_{i_n}^1 \cap U_{i_n}^2 : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathcal{V}$  such that  $\{U_{i_n}^1 \cap U_{i_n}^2 : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -cover of  $X$ . It follows that  $\{U_{i_n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -cover of  $X \sqcup X$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.11.** For a Tychonoff space  $X$  the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  is strongly sequentially separable;
2.  $(C_k(X))^n$  is strongly sequentially separable for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.6, Proposition 9.1 and the argument that  $C_k(X \sqcup X) = C_k(X) \times C_k(X)$ .  $\square$

A.J. March considered the problem (Problem 116 in [15]): Is it possible to find spaces  $X, Y$  such that  $C_k(X)$  and  $C_k(Y)$  are strongly sequentially separable but  $C_k(X) \times C_k(Y)$  is not strongly sequentially separable?

A. Miller constructed the following example [18].

**Example 3.12.** There exist disjoint subsets of the plane  $X$  and  $Y$  such that both  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $\gamma_k$ -sets but  $X \cup Y$  is not. Let  $X$  be the open disk of radius one, i.e.,  $X = \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 1\}$ , and  $Y$  be any singleton on the boundary of  $X$ , e.g.,  $Y = \{(1, 0)\}$ .

Thus, we have the example of the subsets of the plane  $X$  and  $Y$  such that  $C_k(X)$  and  $C_k(Y)$  are strongly sequentially separable, but  $C_k(X \cup Y)$  is not.

Note that (in contrast to the  $C_p$ -theory)  $C_k(X \cup Y) \neq C_k(X) \times C_k(Y)$ .

In [4], the authors considered the next problem (Problem 21 in [4]) : Is the class of  $\gamma_k$ -sets closed for finite unions ?

A particular answer to this problem and March's problem is the following

**Theorem 3.13.** Suppose that  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $\gamma_k$ -sets,  $iw(X) = iw(Y) = \aleph_0$  and  $Y$  is first-countable. Then  $X \sqcup Y$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -set.

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.6,  $C_k(X)$  and  $C_k(Y)$  are strongly sequentially separable. Notice that each hemicompact space belong to the class  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k)$ , and the converse holds for first countable spaces [16]. It follows that  $C_k(Y)$  is a separable metrizable (first countable) space. By Theorem 9 in [6],  $C_k(X) \times C_k(Y)$  is strongly sequentially separable. Since  $C_k(X) \times C_k(Y) = C_k(X \sqcup Y)$  and, by Theorem 3.6, we have that  $X \sqcup Y$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -set.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.14.** The product  $C_k(X) \times C_k(Y)$  of strongly sequentially separable space  $C_k(X)$  and strongly sequentially separable first-countable space  $C_k(Y)$  belongs to the class of strongly sequentially separable spaces.

4.  $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$ 

In [10] it was shown that a Tychonoff space  $X$  belongs to the class  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$  if and only if  $C_k(X)$  has countable strong fan tightness (i.e. for each  $f \in C_k(X)$ ,  $S_1(\Omega_f, \Omega_f)$  holds [27]).

Lj.D.R. Kočinac proved the next

**Theorem 4.1.** ([4, Theorem 6]) *For a first countable Tychonoff space  $X$  the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $C_k(X)$  is first countable;
2.  $C_k(X)$  has countable strong fan tightness;
3.  $C_k(X)$  has countable fan tightness;
4.  $X$  is locally compact Lindelöf space;
5.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ ;
6.  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ ;

We consider the generalizations (Theorem 4.2 and Theorem 5.3) of the Theorem 4.1 to the class of Tychonoff spaces with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** *For a Tychonoff space  $X$  with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$  the following statements are equivalent:*

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$ ;
2.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ ;
3. Each finite power of  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ ;
4.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Omega_0, \Omega_0)$  [countable strong fan tightness];
5.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \Omega_0)$ .

*Proof.* (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) By Theorem 5 in [14].

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) By Theorem 2.2 in [10].

(1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $\mathcal{K}_i \in \mathcal{K}$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $D$  be a countable dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ . Consider  $D_i = \{f_{K,U,d} \in C(X) : f|_{(X \setminus U)} \equiv 1 \text{ and } f|_K = d \text{ where } K \text{ is a compact subset of } X, U \in \mathcal{K}_i \text{ such that } K \subset U \text{ and } d \in D\}$ . Since  $D$  is a dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ , we have that  $D_i$  is a dense subset of  $C_k(X)$  for every  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . By (1), there is a sequence  $\{f_{K_i, U_i, d_i}\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $f_{K_i, U_i, d_i} \in D_i$ , and  $\{f_{K_i, U_i, d_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ . Note that  $U_i \in \mathcal{K}_i$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\{U_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \mathcal{K}$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $(D_{i,j} : i, j \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of dense subsets of  $C_k(X)$  and let  $D = \{d_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a countable dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ . For every couple  $(i, j)$ ,  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f \in D_{i,j}$  consider  $K_{i,j,f} = \{x \in X : |f(x) - d_j(x)| < \frac{1}{i}\}$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{i,j} = \{K_{i,j,f} : f \in D_{i,j}\}$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{K}_{i,j} \in \mathcal{K}$  for every couple  $(i, j)$ ,  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $K \in \mathbb{K}(X)$  and  $\langle d_j, K, \frac{1}{i} \rangle$  a base neighborhood of  $d_j$ . Since  $D_{i,j}$  is a dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ , there is  $f \in D_{i,j}$  such that  $f \in \langle d_j, K, \frac{1}{i} \rangle$ , hence,  $K \subset K_{i,j,f}$ . Fix  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ , by (2), there is a family  $\{K_{i,j,f(i,j)} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $K_{i,j,f(i,j)} \in \mathcal{K}_{i,j}$  and  $\{K_{i,j,f(i,j)} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \mathcal{K}$ . So  $f(i, j) \in D_{i,j}$  for  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Claim that  $\{f(i, j) : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is dense in  $C_k(X)$ . Let  $p \in C(X)$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{K}(X)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and let  $\langle p, K, \epsilon \rangle$  be a base neighborhood of  $p$ . There is  $j' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d_{j'} \in \langle p, K, \frac{\epsilon}{2} \rangle$ . Since  $\{K_{i,j',f(i,j')} : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \mathcal{K}$ , there is  $i' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $K \subset K_{i',j',f(i',j')}$  and  $\frac{1}{i'} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . It follows that  $|f(i', j')(x) - p(x)| < |f(i', j')(x) - d_{j'}(x)| + |d_{j'}(x) - p(x)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$  for every  $x \in K$ . Hence,  $f(i', j') \in \langle p, K, \epsilon \rangle$  and  $\{f(i, j) : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is dense in  $C_k(X)$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (5) is immediate.

(5)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $(D_{i,j} : i \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence of dense subsets of  $C_k(X)$  for each  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $D = \{d_j : j \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a countable dense subset of  $C_k(X)$ . By (5), for every  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  there is a family  $\{d_j^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $d_j^i \in D_{i,j}$  and  $\{d_j^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \Omega_{d_j}$ . Note that  $\{d_j^i : i, j \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \mathcal{D}$ .  $\square$

### 5. $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$

According to [11]  $X$  belongs to  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$  if and only if  $C_k(X)$  has countable fan tightness (i.e., for each  $f \in C_k(X)$ ,  $S_{fin}(\Omega_f, \Omega_f)$  holds [1]).

**Theorem 5.1.** For a Tychonoff space  $X$  with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$  the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$ ;
2.  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ ;
3. Each finite power of  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ .
4.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Omega_0, \Omega_0)$  [countable fan tightness];
5.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \Omega_0)$ .

*Proof.* (2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) By Theorem 6 in [14].

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4) see in [11].

The remaining implications are proved similarly to the proof of Theorem 4.2.  $\square$

**Remark 5.2.** It is easy to see that every hemicompact space is in the class  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$  and, thus, in  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ . By Proposition 5 in [4], the converse is also true in the class of first countable spaces.

**Corollary 5.3.** For a first countable Tychonoff space  $X$  with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$  the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$ ;
2.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D})$ ;
3.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K})$ .

### 6. $S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D})$

**Definition 6.1.** A  $\gamma_k$ -cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of co-zero sets of  $X$  is  $\gamma_k$ -**shrinkable** if there exists a  $\gamma_k$ -cover  $\{F(U) : U \in \mathcal{U}\}$  of zero-sets of  $X$  with  $F(U) \subset U$  for every  $U \in \mathcal{U}$ .

For a topological space  $X$  we denote:

- $\Gamma_k^{sh}$  — the family of  $\gamma_k$ -shrinkable covers of  $X$ .

**Theorem 6.2.** For a Tychonoff space  $X$  the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_0, \Omega_0)$ ;
2.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K})$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_0, \Omega_0)$  and  $\{\mathcal{F}_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \Gamma_k^{sh}$ .

For each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  we consider a set  $D_i = \{f_{F(U), U_i} \in C(X) : f_{F(U), U_i} \upharpoonright F(U) = 0 \text{ and } f_{F(U), U_i} \upharpoonright (X \setminus U) = 1 \text{ for } U \in \mathcal{F}_i\}$ .

Since  $\{F(U) : U \in \mathcal{F}_i\}$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -cover of  $X$ , we have that  $D_i$  converges to  $f \equiv 0$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Since  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_0, \Omega_0)$ , there is a sequence  $(f_{F(U_i), U_i} : i \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $f_{F(U_i), U_i} \in D_i$ , and  $\{f_{F(U_i), U_i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an element of  $\Omega_0$ .

Consider  $\{U_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

(a)  $U_i \in \mathcal{F}_i$ .

(b)  $\{U_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $X$ .

Let  $K$  be a non-empty compact subset of  $X$  and  $U = \langle f, K, \frac{1}{2} \rangle$  be a base neighborhood of  $f$ , then there is  $f_{F(U_i), U_i} \in U$ . It follows that  $K \subset U_i$ . We thus get  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K})$ .

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Let  $(f_{k,i} : k \in \mathbb{N})$  be a sequence converging to  $f$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that  $f = 0$ , a set  $W_k^i = \{x \in X : -\frac{1}{i} < f_{k,i}(x) < \frac{1}{i}\} \neq X$  for any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $S_k^i = \{x \in X : -\frac{1}{i} \leq f_{k,i}(x) \leq \frac{1}{i}\} \neq X$  for any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Consider  $\mathcal{V}_i = \{W_k^i : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $\mathcal{S}_i = \{S_k^i : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{V}_i$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -cover of  $X$ . Since  $\{f_{k,i}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $f$ , for each compact subset  $K \subset X$  there is  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f_{k,i} \in \langle f, K, \frac{1}{i} \rangle$  for  $k > k_0$ . It follows that  $K \subset W_k^i$  for any  $k > k_0$ . Since  $\mathcal{V}_{i+1}$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -cover,  $\mathcal{S}_{i+1}$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -cover, too.  $\mathcal{S}_{i+1}$  is a refinement of the family  $\mathcal{V}_i$ , hence,  $\mathcal{V}_i \in \Gamma_k^{sh}$ .

By  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K})$ , there is a sequence  $(W_{k(i)}^i : i \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $W_{k(i)}^i \in \mathcal{V}_i$  for each  $i$ , and  $\{W_{k(i)}^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an element of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

We claim that  $f \in \overline{\{f_{k(i),i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}}$ . Let  $U = \langle f, K, \epsilon \rangle$  be a base neighborhood of  $f$  where  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $K \in \mathbb{K}(X)$ , then there is  $i_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{i_1} < \epsilon$  and  $W_{k(i_1)}^{i_1} \supset K$ . It follows that  $f_{k(i_1),i_1} \in \langle f, K, \epsilon \rangle$  and, hence,  $f \in \overline{\{f_{k(i),i} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.3.** Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{U_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a  $\gamma_k$ -shrinkable cover of a space  $X$ . Then the set  $S = \{f \in C(X) : f \upharpoonright (X \setminus U_n) \equiv 1 \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is sequentially dense in  $C_k(X)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $h \in C(X)$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , take  $f_n \in C(X)$  such that  $f_n \upharpoonright F(U_n) = h \upharpoonright F(U_n)$  and  $f_n \upharpoonright (X \setminus U_n) \equiv 1$ . Then obviously  $f_n \in S$ , and  $f_n \rightarrow h$ , because  $\{F(U_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -cover.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.4.** For a Tychonoff space  $X$  with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$  the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D})$ ;
2.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{S}, \Omega_0)$ ;
3.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_0, \Omega_0)$ ;
4.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K})$ .

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Let  $\{\mathcal{F}_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \Gamma_k^{sh}$ . By Lemma 6.3,  $S_i = \{f \in C(X) : f \upharpoonright (X \setminus F_n^i) \equiv 1 \text{ for some } F_n^i \in \mathcal{F}_i\}$  is a sequentially dense subset of  $C_k(X)$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By (1), there is  $\{f_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $f_i \in S_i$  and  $\{f_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Consider the sequence  $\{F_{n(i)}^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .

(a)  $F_{n(i)}^i \in \mathcal{F}_i$  for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

(b)  $\{F_{n(i)}^i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a  $k$ -cover of  $X$ .

Let  $K \in \mathbb{K}(X)$  and let  $U = \langle 0, K, \frac{1}{2} \rangle$  be a base neighborhood of  $0$ , then there is  $f_{i'} \in \{f_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  such that  $f_{i'} \in U$ . It follows that  $K \subset F_{n(i')}^{i'}$ .

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K})$  and let  $\{f_{i,m}\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $0$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Consider  $\mathcal{F}_i = \{F_{i,m} : m \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{f_{i,m}^{-1}(-\frac{1}{i}, \frac{1}{i}) : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Without loss of generality we can assume that a set  $F_{i,m} \neq X$  for any  $i, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Otherwise there is a sequence  $(f_{i_k, m_k} : k \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $\{f_{i_k, m_k}\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  uniformly converges to  $0$  and  $\{f_{i_k, m_k} : k \in \mathbb{N}\} \in \Omega_0$ .

Note that  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is a  $\gamma_k$ -shrinkable cover of  $X$  for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By (4), there is a sequence  $(F_{i, m(i)} : i \in \mathbb{N})$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $F_{i, m(i)} \in \mathcal{F}_i$ , and  $\{F_{i, m(i)} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is an element of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

We claim that  $0 \in \overline{\{f_{i, m(i)} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}}$ . Let  $W = \langle 0, K, \epsilon \rangle$  be a base neighborhood of  $0$  where  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $K \in \mathbb{K}(X)$ , then there is  $i_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{i_1} < \epsilon$  and  $F_{i_1, m(i_1)} \supset K$ . It follows that  $f_{i_1, m(i_1)} \in \langle 0, K, \epsilon \rangle$  and, hence,  $0 \in \overline{\{f_{i, m(i)} : i \in \mathbb{N}\}}$  and  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_0, \Omega_0)$ .

(3)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) is immediate.

(2)  $\Rightarrow$  (1) Suppose that  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{S}, \Omega_0)$ . Let  $D = \{d_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a dense subspace of  $C_k(X)$ . Given a sequence of sequentially dense subspaces of  $C_k(X)$ , enumerate it as  $\{S_{n,m} : n, m \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , pick  $d_{n,m} \in S_{n,m}$  so that  $d_n \in \overline{\{d_{n,m} : m \in \mathbb{N}\}}$ . Then  $\{d_{n,m} : m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is dense in  $C_k(X)$ .  $\square$

## 7. $S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D})$

The following theorems are proved similarly to Theorems 6.2 and 6.4.



**Theorem 7.1.** For a Tychonoff space  $X$  the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_0, \Omega_0)$ ;
2.  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K})$ .

**Theorem 7.2.** For a Tychonoff space  $X$  with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$  the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D})$ ;
2.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \Omega_0)$ ;
3.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_0, \Omega_0)$ ;
4.  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K})$ .

## 8. $S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S})$

In [22], we proved the following theorems.

**Theorem 8.1.** ([22, Theorem 3.3]) For a Tychonoff space  $X$  the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_0, \Gamma_0)$ ;
2.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \Gamma_k)$ .

**Theorem 8.2.** ([22, Theorem 3.5]) For a Tychonoff space  $X$  such that  $C_k(X)$  is sequentially separable the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S})$ ;
2.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{S}, \Gamma_0)$ ;
3.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_0, \Gamma_0)$ ;
4.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \Gamma_k)$ ;
5.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S})$ ;
6.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \Gamma_0)$ ;
7.  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_0, \Gamma_0)$ ;
8.  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \Gamma_k)$ .

We can summarize the relationships between considered notions in next diagrams.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}) & \Leftrightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_1(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}) \\ & \Uparrow & & & \Uparrow & & \Uparrow \\ S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S}) & \Leftrightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S}) & \Rightarrow & S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}) \end{array}$$

Diagram 1. The Diagram of selectors for sequences of dense sets of  $C_k(X)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} S_1(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \Gamma_k) & \Leftrightarrow & S_{fin}(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \Gamma_k) & \Rightarrow & S_1(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K}) \\ & \Uparrow & & & \Uparrow & & \Uparrow \\ S_1(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k) & \Leftrightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k) & \Rightarrow & S_1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}) & \Rightarrow & S_{fin}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K}) \end{array}$$

Diagram 2. The Diagram of selection principles for a space  $X$  corresponding to selectors for sequences of dense sets of  $C_k(X)$ .

## 9. On the Particular Solution to one Problem

Recall that Arens' space  $S_2$  is the set  $\{(0, 0), (\frac{1}{n}, 0), (\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{nm}) : n, m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  carrying the strongest topology inducing the original planar topology on the convergent sequences  $C_0 = \{(0, 0), (\frac{1}{n}, 0) : n > 0\}$  and  $C_n = \{(\frac{1}{n}, 0), (\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{nm}) : m > 0\}$ ,  $n > 0$ . The sequential fan is the quotient space  $S_\omega = S_2/C_0$  obtained from the Arens's space by identifying the points of the sequence  $C_0$  [12].

**Proposition 9.1.** *If  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_0, \Omega_0)$ , then  $S_\omega$  cannot be embedded into  $C_k(X)$ .*

The following problem was posed in the paper [4].

**Problem 9.2.** *Does a first countable (separable metrizable) space belong to the class  $S_1(\Gamma_k, \mathcal{K})$  if and only if it is hemicompact?*

A particular answer to this problem is the following

**Theorem 9.3.** *Suppose that  $X$  is first countable stratifiable space and  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$ . Then following the statements are equivalent:*

1.  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K})$ ;
2.  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_k, \mathcal{K})$ ;
3.  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k)$ ;
4.  $X$  is hemicompact.

*Proof.* (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Since  $X$  is first countable stratifiable space and, by Proposition 9.1,  $S_\omega$  cannot be embedded into  $C_k(X)$ , then, by Theorem 2.2 (+ Remark) in [7],  $X$  is a locally compact. A locally compact stratifiable space is metrizable [5]. It is well-known that a locally compact metrizable space can be represented as  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha < \tau} X_\alpha$  where  $X_\alpha$  is a  $\sigma$ -compact for each  $\alpha < \tau$ . Since  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$ , then  $\tau \leq \omega_1$ . Claim that  $\tau < \omega_1$ .

Assume that  $\tau \geq \omega_1$ . Then there is a continuous mapping  $f : X \rightarrow D$  ( $f(X_\alpha) = d_\alpha$ ) from  $X$  onto a discrete space  $D = \{d_\alpha : \alpha < \tau\}$ . Note that  $D$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_k^{sh}, \mathcal{K})$  ( $S_{fin}(\Gamma, \Omega)$ ) and, hence,  $D$  is Lindelöf, but  $|D| > \aleph_0$ , a contradiction.

It follows that  $X$  is a locally compact and Lindelöf, and, hence,  $X$  is a hemicompact.

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Since  $X$  is hemicompact and  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$ , then  $C_k(X)$  is a separable metrizable space [17]. Hence,  $C_k(X)$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{S})$ , and, by Theorem 3.3,  $X$  satisfies  $S_1(\mathcal{K}, \Gamma_k)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 9.4.** *Suppose that  $X$  is a separable metrizable space. Then  $X$  satisfies  $S_{fin}(\Gamma_k, \mathcal{K})$  if and only if  $X$  is hemicompact.*

**Remark 9.5.** In the class of first countable stratifiable spaces with  $iw(X) = \aleph_0$  (in particular, in the class of separable metrizable spaces) all properties in Diagram 1 (and, hence, Diagram 2) coincide.

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